

LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas Day is at hand, and the little boys and girls are on tiptoe of expectation; and as well as their elders will, no doubt enjoy themselves. It is also the season of the good things of life—of turkeys, mince pies, kroellers, cakes, &c. The children's stockings, too, have been hung up at the bedside in anticipation of a visit from their old friend *Kris Krinkle*, with his variety of little presents. Will they be disappointed? We hope not. How little does it cost to make so much happiness among the children. Little books in abundance may be found at the stores of *Farnham, Bayly, and Anderson*, and every thing in the fancy line at *Parker's, Clephane's, Gibbs's, Dorsett's, McKean's, and Beardsley's*. A few dimes spent in this way will never be missed, and the donors will be amply rewarded by the love and gratitude of the children.

Trial of Christ.—This being the anniversary of the birth of our Saviour, it cannot better be celebrated than by witnessing the group of statuary at *Apollo Hall*—representing his trial and sufferings. It will be seen that it remains open for four days longer, day and evening. The price of admission, a mere trifle, (12½ cents), places it within the reach of all to gratify their curiosity.

Old Bull.—It will be seen by the advertisement in another column, that this extraordinary violinist makes his first appearance this evening at the National Theatre. The bare announcement, we presume, will be sufficient to produce a rush.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS.

DECEMBER 24, 1843.

INDIAN QUEEN (BROWN'S) HOTEL.
J. M. Conway, Jr., H. O. Middleton, W. Hatcher, Alfred Glasscock, J. Hill, and H. C. Middleton, Va.; George Howard, H. Benson and lady, S. Davis and lady, Henry Harrison, Julius Pratt, and S. N. Parmelee, N. Y.; M. McGeehen, N. C.; Wm. T. Sprigg, John Barnes, and L. W. Potter, Md.; Danl. G. Vose, Me.; Dr. W. P. C. Barton, Philad.; James Brent, and O. Brent, D. C.

CITY (FULLER'S) HOTEL.
D. Haydon, La.; L. Kuizer, and Charles Lemoine, Penn.; W. B. Dorch, Tenn.; Richard Johnson, Ark.; Samuel Evans, and D. Sanford, N. Y.; A. Robinson, N. C.; B. Blackwell, Ohio; John Sovers, and J. McQuinn, Detroit; R. Stapleton, Raleigh, N. C.; Moses Littleton, Me.; Randolph Hicks, Ct.; Thomas Taylor, Boston; Nicholas Carosi, and M. Seguin, Havana; M. De Solle, Havre; John Russell, Boston; James R. Bell, N. J.; R. J. Jones and lady, New Orleans; A. Masson, France.

EUROPEAN (GALABRIN'S) HOTEL.
W. Thompson, Vt.; T. H. Bowen, D. C.

TEMPERANCE (BEERS'S) HOTEL.
H. C. Jones, and William Stevens, N. J.; William Grant, Tenn.; Robt. W. Carter, Md.; James A. King, H. H. Brown, and Thomas Wiley, Baltimore; C. Haight, New York; C. Donat, and G. A. Piper, Philadelphia.

VIRGINIA (SWEETING'S) HOTEL.
John R. Whiting, Geo.; Wm. J. Johnson, Md.; Shadrach Jones, Va.

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF GEORGETOWN.

DECEMBER 23, 1843.

ARRIVED.
Sloop Mary Ann, Anderson, from Alexandria, with lumber, to order.
A large number of canal boats, with flour, wheat, corn, pork, and wood.

St. Matthew's Fair at Carusi's Saloon.—On Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., the Ladies of St. Matthew's congregation will open for sale a large and splendid assortment of fancy and useful articles. Every kind of refreshment and of confectionary will be on hand at all hours of the day and evening. To add to the onlooking interest of the occasion, among several new and unusual sources of amusement, two may be particularly noted for their novelty and interest: The Spanish Gypsy in her wild tent, and the newly imported Automaton Dancer, Mons. Petis Pas, both of whom will exhibit their peculiar skill on each evening during the Fair.
Admission 12½ cents. Open from 10 A. M., till 10 P. M.

COLUMBIA TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—An adjourned meeting of this society will be held on TUESDAY evening, December 26, at the usual place, for the purpose of making arrangements for celebrating the anniversary of the Association.
By order of the President:
dec 25 JAS. WIMER, Rec'g Sec'y.

MECHANICAL RIFLEMEN, ATTENTION!—A special meeting of the Corps will be held at the Armory on WEDNESDAY evening, the 27th inst., at 7 o'clock, when every member is expected to attend.
dec 25 GEO. K. BOYD, Secretary.

VARIETY STORE.—The subscriber has on hand, and intends constantly keeping, a general assortment of Hardware and Cutlery, pianish and common Tin ware, Wood and Hollow ware, Baskets, and Brushes, &c., with a great variety of articles useful to housekeepers and builders, too numerous to be inserted in an advertisement; all of which he will sell as low as they can be obtained elsewhere.
Belhanging and locksmithing attended to expeditiously and at moderate prices.
The subscriber earnestly solicits a share of public patronage.
J. D. BOTELER,
Pennsylvania avenue, between 4½ and 6th sts.
dec 25—2aw3wif

SEALING WAX, which burns without a light, just received at
dec 7 GILMAN'S Drug Store.

BRITISH LUSTRE.—200 lbs. British Lustre, for cleaning Stoves and Grates, just received at
dec 6 GILMAN'S (late Todd's) Drug Store.

APOTHECARIES' HALL MAGNESIA, superior, in every respect, to the common calcined, and quite equal to the celebrated Henry's Magnesia, and at a less price. A fresh supply of the above just received at
dec 6 GILMAN'S Drug store.

NATIONAL THEATRE—WASHINGTON.

Lessee, Mr. EMERY.

ATTRACTION! ATTRACTION!!

First night of the far-famed

OLE BULL,

The greatest living Violinist.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1843.

O. BULL will appear, and perform some of his much admired solos, accompanied by the present superior Orchestra.

In consequence of the heavy expense attendant on the engagement of the above celebrated Artist, the Lessee is constrained (much against his inclination) to affix the price of admission at

ONE DOLLAR

TO ALL PARTS OF THE HOUSE.

Box Book now open.

APOLLO HALL,

OPEN EVERY DAY AND EVENING.

CHRISTMAS WEEK!

PRICES REDUCED!!

GRAND EXHIBITION OF STATUARY, representing the trial of our Saviour before Pontius Pilate, in a group of Twenty-three Figures the Size of Life, splendidly dressed in appropriate costume, now open at Apollo Hall, will positively close on Thursday evening next; and in order that all may have an opportunity of seeing this beautiful exhibition before it leaves the city, the price, for the last three days, will be reduced to **12½ TWELVE AND A HALF CENTS** admission, without distinction of age.
dec 25-31

LOST! by a boy on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning, two five dollar notes, believed to be on one of the banks of Virginia. The finder shall have a liberal share by leaving it at the office of the Whig Standard.
dec 23-24

CIDER, CIDER!—30 bbls. Newark Cider, prime quality, just received and for sale by
dec 21—203t SAMUEL BACON & CO.

NEW YORK CHEESE.—S. HOLMES has now on hand a choice lot of New York Cheese, to which he invites the attention of merchants. 7th street, nov 6—dlw nearly opposite Patriotic Bank.

CHOICE MADEIRA WINE.—The subscriber has for sale, at moderate prices, at the Exchange Hotel on C street, wines of the following celebrated importations:
Ceylon, imported in 1834, in the ship Henry Clay Black Warrior, also via India, in 1840
Reserve, from the Parish of San Martin direct.
All from the House of Messrs. J. Howard March & Co. of Madeira, and in bottles.
dec 5—com THOMPSON TYLER.

TO THE LADIES!—Jules Huel's celebrated Eau Lustrale, for preserving and beautifying the hair, and giving it a fine gloss. For sale by
dec 18— C. H. JAMES, Corner 14th and E streets.

PERMUE MATCHES, made without sulphur, and produce no unpleasant smell while burning, for sale by the grocer or single box. Also, the same article put up in tin safes for family use, just received at
dec 7 GILMAN'S Drug Store.

LINSEED OIL AND PUTTY.—5 bbls first rate Linseed Oil; 1000 lbs Putty. Just received and for sale at
dec 6 GILMAN'S Drug Store.

WISTAR'S COUGH LOZENGES.—These Lozenges cannot be too strongly recommended to public attention as a safe and effectual medicine for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, &c. They are very serviceable in soreness and tightness of the breast, difficulty of breathing, hoarseness, &c., and give almost immediate relief in troublesome sensation, tickling in the throat, which is so tormenting in this complaint.
They have been used very extensively in this city and other places, and have given universal satisfaction to all who have used them; price 25 cents per box. A large quantity just manufactured and for sale, with directions, at
GILMAN'S, (late Todd's), Drug Store.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS, beautifully bound in Turkey morocco, gilt, with plates; also, common binding. A large assortment just received, and for sale at very low prices, at
R. FARNHAM'S Bookstore, corner 11th st. and Penn. avenue.

LIFE AND SPEECHES OF HENRY CLAY, in two volumes, handsomely bound, embellished with a view of the statue on Cumberlan road, and a fac-simile of a letter from Mr. Clay. For sale by
R. FARNHAM, corner 11th street and Penn. av.
nov 6

TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS.—The subscriber has just received from the North a large assortment of School Books. The best editions have been carefully selected and well bound, consisting of every kind of school book and other requisites that are used in the District and the surrounding country, and will be sold at unusually low prices.
R. FARNHAM,
nov 6 corner 11th street and Penn. av.

ELEGANT SHAWLS.—Will be opened this day—1 carton splendid embroidered Thibet shawls
1 do rich figured Thibet and cashmere
1 do large and very heavy black silk shawls
1 do rich changeable silk shawls 8-4 square and very elegant

SILKS.
50 pieces splendid silks, every style and quality
50 pieces mousselines de laine and cashmeres, some entire new style
10 superfine Thibet cloths, for ladies' dresses, every shade of color
25 pieces chusan and cashmere de casse
10 pieces elegant silk velvets for dresses and bonnets
5 cartons rich velvet and satin ribands
50 dozen linen cambric handkerchiefs, gloves, hosiery, &c.
20 pieces black and colored alpaccas, silk fringes, &c.

The above with every article in the fancy goods line, will be sold on the most favorable terms.
BROADCLOTHS.
I will open to-day a large assortment of the best—London broadcloths
London, French, and American cassimeres
Velvet and satin vestings
London tweeds for coats and pantaloons
A large assortment of gentlemen's fancy scarfs and cravats, fashionable style
Lamb wool and merino shirts and drawers
Laid and figured cloths for cloak linings

ALSO,
150 pieces superior and low priced cassinets
100 pair 12-4, 11-4, and 10-4 Whitney blankets
Wide and narrow white and colored flannels
The above goods having been purchased at auction at the north at very low prices, great bargains may be expected by those who may favor me with a call.
dec 2-1m R. C. WASHINGTON.

PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS.—J. P. McKEAN
(Mrs. Rockendorf's old stand) takes this opportunity of returning his thanks for the very liberal patronage that has been extended to him, and he now respectfully invites the attention of his friends and the citizens generally to give him a call in their selection of Christmas presents, as he has just opened a supply of fresh French and other Confection, consisting of several new patterns of Bonbons and other articles. Also, a variety of Fancy Boxes, some very handsome, which will be sold at moderate prices, as he wishes to dispose of them the present season. He has likewise prepared and will continue to make a general assortment of Cakes, Candies, Jellies, &c., and all orders promptly filled; and he assures his friends and the public that the articles shall be well made, and of the best materials, as he uses no other.
dec 23-31st

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
Extra super French and English port folios; richest styles of carved pearl, ivory, and agate seals; a splendid assortment of note papers, plain, gilt, embossed, and lace bordered; do. do. envelopes of numerous sizes and patterns; pearl and ivory carved folders of richest patterns; ladies' work boxes; fancy sealing wax; motto wafers in boxes; assorted mottoes; card cases of carved ivory and pearl, of the richest style of patterns; cards for baskets; perforated and Bristol boards; and plain and embossed visiting cards; dissected maps, and games of new patterns. Together with a general assortment of the most superior stationery ever offered in the city.
For sale by WM. F. BAYLY,
dec 22-6t Agent for Herrick and Blunt, Penn. av. between 11 and 12th sts.

VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers for sale the following valuable books:
One set of the Journals of Congress from the commencement to the present time
One set American State Papers, complete
One set Gales & Seaton's Debates, from commencement as far as printed.
The above books will be sold to any person wanting them at very low prices, for cash.
JOHN A. BLAKE, Bookbinder,
Penn. av., opposite Fuller's City Hotel.
dec 23—

PORTER'S CHEMICAL OIL, CAMPHINE, AND PINE OIL.—The subscriber has just received per schooner Sturges, from New York, a large supply of the above named articles of the very best quality, which he offers for sale. Also a lot of empty casks.
E. F. BUCKINGHAM, Druggist,
dec 21-1w Cor. Penn. av. and 12th sts.

NEW CHEAP GROCERY STORE.—The undersigned most respectfully informs his old friends and the public in general that he has commenced a regular family grocery store in the rooms under the Apollo Hall, the goods having been selected in New York with great care, and now received, consisting of fresh Teas, Coffees, &c. of the finest quality.
Teas—Imperial fine and extra fine, Gunpowder fine and extra fine, Young Hyson and Pouchong, all fresh.
Coffees—Old Java, Maricao, Rio and other kinds, all fresh and cheap.
Sugars—Loaf, lump and brown Sugar, very cheap.
Spices—Cloves, Cinnamon, Alspice, Ginger, and superior pepper ground and in bottles.
Flour—Superior Ohio, New York, and Buckwheat.
Liquors—Old French Brandy that can't be beat, H. Gin, superior old Rye Whiskey, Wines, &c.
Cigars—A lot of superior Spanish cigars.
Brooms—Fifty dozen brooms and wicks, painted buckets, keelers, crockery, glass and other ware, together with a great variety of articles entirely too numerous to mention—so cross over old friends, and take a peep at the Apollo Store Rooms, and I assure you, for the ready, you will find them hard to beat.
dec 21-2w WM. MORROW.

WINE STORE, Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 4½ and 6th streets.—JOHN H. BUTHMANN respectfully invites the attention of members of Congress, strangers, and citizens generally to a list of choice and pure Wines and Liquors, &c.—
Champagne from the House of P. A. Mumm & Co., Reims, the best imported into the United States; also, Anchor and other brands
Madeira, Brown and Pale Sherry, in bottles and in wood, of various grades and different houses, old and choice
Port, Rhine wines, Moselle, Sauterne, Vin de Grave, Claret, and a variety and complete assortment of other wines
Pure Cognac and other Brandy
Holland Gin, Jamaica Rum
Finest quality Havana Cigars, fancy Groceries, &c. offered at very moderate prices.
Printed catalogues of the different articles at his store.
dec 21-4t

LOOK HERE.—Persons suffering from colds, Coughs, &c., can be supplied with
Pease's Hoarhound Candy
Brown's Bonnet Candy
McCulling's Syrup of May Apple and Wild Cherry
Swayne's Syrup of Wild Cherry
Wayne's Tonic Expectorant
Covatt's Balm of Life
Thompson's Life Preserver
Wistar's Cough Lozenges
Sherman's Cough Lozenges
Peters' Cough Lozenges
by calling on
C. H. JAMES,
Corner 14th and E streets.
Where may also be found a full and general assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, Fancy Articles, Brushes, Combs, &c.; all which are sold low for cash or to punctual customers.
dec 18—

PORTO RICO SUGARS.—50 hhds. of prime quality, for sale by
WM. FOWLE & SONS,
dec 23-31st Alexandria.

TO THE GENTLEMEN.—Jules Huel's celebrated Ambrosial Cream for shaving
Ring Verbena Cream
Nap es Shaving Soap (in pots)
Military Shaving Soap
Naples Saponaceous Compound
Crema d'Amande Amis
Guerlain's Ambrosial Cream.
And a variety of others, for sale by
C. H. JAMES,
dec 18— Corner 14th and E streets.

THE subscriber keeps constantly on hand a general assortment of the following goods: BRUSHES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, CEDAR WARE, BASKETS, CASTINGS, WOOD BOWLS, &c., comprising almost every useful article which housekeepers stand in need; all of which are offered at fair prices.
GEO. SAVAGE,
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OMNIBUS FOR ALEXANDRIA.—An omnibus leaves Newton's Hotel, Alexandria, for Washington, every morning at 9 o'clock. Returning, it will leave John West's tavern in Washington, daily, for Alexandria, at 4 P. M. And so continue until further notice. Fare 25 cents.
dec 21— HENRY CHATHAM.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
The subscriber has lately received, in addition to his former stock, a large assortment of Catholic and Episcopal Prayer Books, elegantly bound in Turkey morocco, and gilt, suitable for presents.
Also, a large assortment of Juvenile Books, suitable for presents, that has ever been offered in this city, which will be sold at very low prices.
R. FARNHAM,
dec 21— cor. 11th street and Penn. av.

BONESET CANDY, FOR COUGHS, COLDS, &c.—Brown's Compound Bonset Candy, composed of a large number of vegetable materials, all of which are excellent of themselves, for the cure of coughs, colds, spitting of blood, &c.; 100 pounds this day received, at
dec 19 GILMAN'S Drug Store.

FOREIGN AND AMERICAN SNUFFS.—I have just received a very large supply of foreign, and American Snuffs, embracing the largest assortment ever offered for sale in this city, named, in part, as follows:

AMERICAN.
216 pounds American Gentleman
240 Genuine Congress
211 Imitation do
237 Demi Gros
312 Guignon
800 Yellow, brown, and black Rappee
456 Plain unscented do
250 Lancaster do
350 Maccabau do
184 Imitation do
120 Fine Scotch
20 do No 1 and 2, in bottles
167 Natchitoches
12 dozen do in bottles

FOREIGN.
10 dozen Maccabau de la Martinique de chez Jos. Lamorelle
3 Hardham's No. 9 and 27, in lead
1 Veritable Rapé de Paris sans opprét
3 Friburg & Freyer's Magee, in tin
2 Bolongoro Borgris, Rappe Morocco

The above Snuffs, with a large stock of Cigars, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, &c., were selected by myself from the principal American and importing houses in New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and are offered for sale as cheap as any store in this city.
JAMES M. DORSETT,
dec 9 Snuff, Tobacco, and Fancy Store, No 11, east of Gadsby's Hotel.

YEAST SUBSTITUTE, superior in every respect to the ordinary Yeast now in use, for making Rolls, Buckwheat Cakes, Loaf Bread, &c., for sale, with directions for use, at
GILMAN'S Drug store.
nov 27

TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHERS.
The Proprietor of the EXCHANGE HOTEL respectfully informs Members of Congress and strangers, that he is prepared at all times to furnish dinners and suppers for parties, at reasonable prices, and at short notice, having every convenience for that purpose.
THOMPSON TYLER.
dec 12-1f

HOME INDUSTRY.—J. MAGUIRE, Hat Manufacturer, Seventh street, opposite the Patriotic Bank, has for sale a good assortment of splendid Mole skin, Cassimere, Nutria Beaver, Plain Russia, and Silk Hats of the latest fashion of his own make and finish, which he warrants equal in style, finish, and quality, to any imported, and at the lowest possible prices. Those disposed to encourage their own mechanics, will please give him a call and judge for themselves. All kinds of muffs, furs, and caps of every style and quality sold very cheap.
Five rooms above the store for rent. They will be furnished, if preferred.
nov 24-1m

PERFUMERY AND FANCY ARTICLES.—German and French Cologne Water, Hair and Tooth Brushes, Combs, assorted Extracts &c. &c.—Just received at
dec 6 GILMAN'S Drug Store.

SPECTACLES.—My attention has been called to an article in the public papers and circulated in handbills about this city, called Perifocal Spectacles, said to be constructed in accordance with the philosophy of nature, in the form of a Concavo-Convex Ellipsis. What is meant by the philosophy of nature may be hard to tell, but certainly they are at variance from the laws or principles of Optics, as certainly no Ellipsis can converge the rays of light to a perfect focus. They are said not to be the French meniscus or Wollaston's periscope (one and the same construction of glasses.) The meniscus lens is a truly ground surface, concave on one side; the other side, possessing a greater degree of sphericity, consequently becomes a magnifying glass. This species of glass will converge the rays of light the same as a double convex lens. The application of this form of lenses in the shape of Spectacles, gives the eye a greater field of vision.
The celebrated Dr. Brewster, in speaking of these Spectacles says that they give decidedly more imperfect visions than common spectacles, because they increase both the aberration of figure and of color; but they may be of use in a crowded city in warning us of the oblique approach of objects. Now, as spectacles are intended to assist nature, and the eye, the most perfect masterpiece of Divine Mechanism, (in its natural state,) every part has the very form and office which the laws of optics require for the most perfect vision of an object. Is it not preposterous to apply a piece of bent concave or convex glass without true form or figure to its assistance? On the contrary, it is not reasonable to conclude that their continued use would destroy the eye entirely? Spectacles are probably the most ancient of all optical instruments, and yet has undergone the least change of any. The subject has been well considered by Opticians throughout all Europe for ages, and the general conviction is that a truly ground concave or convex lens is the most suitable for assisting decaying or unnatural visions of the human eye.
R. PATTEN.

The subscribers have for sale at their manufactory, on Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 10th and 11th streets, a general assortment of the best of Spectacles, with truly ground glasses. Glasses of the best quality fitted to old frames, &c. Also, Surveyor's Compasses, Levels, and Drawing Instruments, of the best quality.
R. PATTEN & SON.
. Instruments made to order, and warranted.
dec 9-1m

CARD.—The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and customers that their accounts will all be rendered to them on the 1st January next, and he earnestly hopes that all will be prepared to settle the same, either by cash, or notes at very short dates. This is absolutely necessary, in order to enable him to meet engagements that are upon him, and which he can only do by realizing what is due to him. Those, especially, whose accounts have been long due, will confer a great favor by being ready to settle the same when called upon.
C. H. JAMES,
dec 15-4J1 Corner 14th and E streets.

OIL BLACKING, &c.—If you want dry feet all winter, prepare your boots and shoes with Leather Preservative or Oil Blacking, which will render the leather soft, make it more durable, and entirely impervious to water. It is also excellent for carriage tops, harness, &c. It can be had at
GILMAN'S,
nov 8-1m Drug Store, near Brown's Hotel.

CIRCULATE THE DOCUMENTS.

"FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE!"

We have now in the course of preparation a SERIES OF TRACTS, by the popular author of the "OLIVER OLDSCHOOL" letters, designed for circulation among the People. They will be compiled from public documents and other authentic sources, and will be issued monthly, or oftener, if necessary. Each tract will contain eight pages octavo, (except the Life of CLAY,) and will be published at the following rates, to a single order:

For one hundred - - - \$1 00
For five hundred - - - 4 50
For one thousand - - - 8 00
For five thousand - - - 35 00

And at that rate for a larger number.

The first of the Series will be a LIFE OF HENRY CLAY, by "OLIVER OLDSCHOOL," in 16 pages, and will be published about the 15th of January next, at double the above rates.

Orders, enclosing the money, or from a known responsible source, addressed to the undersigned, publisher of the Whig Standard, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 10th street, Washington, will be punctually attended to.
JNO. T. TOWERS.

WEEKLY EDITION OF THE WHIG STANDARD

In answer to the frequent inquiries for the Weekly edition of the Whig Standard, we state that its publication will be commenced on the first Saturday in January next, AT ONE DOLLAR PER ANNUM, in advance.

Editors of Whig newspapers throughout the country will please copy the above; the favor will be reciprocated.

BOWLING SALOON NOW OPEN.

J. M. FARRAR, PROPRIETOR.

SITUATED ON THE

CORNER OF SIXTH STREET AND MISSOURI AVENUE
dec 11-1m

CHOICE CIGARS, CHEWING, AND SMOKING TOBACCO, &c.—The subscriber would respectfully invite the attention of the lovers of a genuine cigar to call and examine the stock he has just opened. He does not hesitate to recommend them as equal, in every respect, to any now in Washington, and no mistake. Among his assortment will be found the following favorite brands—
Minas and Anchor Regalia
La Favorita, La Norma, Panetela
Lavueltagera, Canones, Diana
Carantizada, Esperanza, Pescatore,
Nonpareil, Imperial, Constantia
Castello or Rife, Estrella, El Laurel
El Desrolo, and Principe de several brands
Also on hand a lot of fine chewing and smoking Tobacco of various kinds, and the most approved Snuffs in use, to all of which he invites the attention of the public before purchasing elsewhere.

JOSEPH H. FRANCE,
7th street between D and E streets,
dec 16 and 2d door above the Intelligencer office.

SOUTH LEICESTER, MASS., Dec. 15th 1843.
TO R. PATTEN:—Sir: A correspondent has forwarded us a copy of the Whig Standard, wherein we find some remarks relative to the merits of Spectacle lenses; and as your signature is attached to the article, we take the liberty to reply to it as an emanation from your own optical knowledge. You have come out before an enlightened community with a dissertation on visual optics, in which you have chosen to make mention of the Perifocal or Parabola lenses, in such a manner, that, admitting your statements to be correct, we must be impostors. We now assert that your borrowed knowledge in optics has led you into a tissue of false assertions and untenable assumptions. Your remarks on the surfaces of Meniscus lenses, would argue that a sphere can be more spherical, "when the subject-matter under discussion is a sphere, is too absurd for a moment's investigation. Your assertion "that no Ellipses can converge the rays of light to a perfect focus," is false, and must be predicated through your lamentable ignorance of the subject you have attacked. Permit me to inform you, sir, that, when a section of an ellipsoid of revolution, whose semi-transverse axis and eccentricity satisfy a given proportion, is obtained, parallel rays will be converged to a perfect focus. And as to your statement that Meniscus lenses converge rays "the same as double convex lenses," allow us to remark that in no case is the action of the lenses the same.—The proprietor of any school book on optics, will explain this to your satisfaction. You quote "Dr. Brewster on the Meniscus lens." The Dr. was an European optician, and consequently infallible. Nevertheless, we contend that Meniscus lenses whose surfaces bear a proper proportion to each other are correctors of Chromatic and spherical aberration. Were the eye placed in the one foci of the spectacles, and the object viewed in the other, any lens of imperfect curvature would give a distorted figure. And double convex lenses always do; but the eye is never, in the use of spectacles, used in such positions: the rays received through the lens are parallel as those that enter the object-glass of a telescope; and the eye, always being far within the foci of the lens, is not sensible of aberration—Chromatic or otherwise. In this view of the case, the learned Doctor's remarks have no force. You ask—"Is it not preposterous to apply a piece of bent glass?" &c. In this question—you assume that our glass is bent—you dare not assert that they were bent; though you no doubt intended to have your remarks convey such an idea. Our glasses are not bent into their form; they are ground into the form in which they are sold; and, in reply to your comment on their evil tendency in long use, I would refer you to Professor Silliman, Dr. McLellan, and a host of scientific men, whose names have been cheerfully tendered us and can be seen at our agent's office. If you had been at all conversant in optics, you would never have made the assertion, at the close of your article, that "the general conviction is that double convex and concave lenses are the best for the eye." These forms have been worn from necessity; and even European opticians have exhausted their ingenuity to produce the form you have taken upon you to repudiate. Years of toil have been consumed by us to produce the parabola curve. We are Americans, who acknowledge no superior in our art, in the old world; nor have we gleaned our knowledge from its masters. With our own hands have we fashioned according to our own minds, and the result is before the public. We have produced an article that the genius of Europe attempted in vain. Our lenses of all kinds bid defiance, in density of material, and brilliancy of finish, to all competitors; and when an optician attacks their reputation, we will be ready to give the rationale of their action.
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